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Dear Examiner Ali:

As we discussed, attached is a copy of the proposed claim amendments.

Best regards,

Michael Britton

## PROPOSED CLAIM AMENDMENTS FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATION NO. 10/529,870

- 27. (Currently Amended) Pressure pulsation reduction equipment of refrigeration cycle equipment, comprising:
- a refrigeration cycle including a <u>refrigeration</u> compressor, which is connected to a pipe that is a flow-channel; and
- a pressure pulsation reducer, which is installed on at least one of a high pressure side and a low pressure side of the <u>refrigeration</u> compressor, the pressure pulsation reducer including:
- a flow-channel separator which separates the flow channel of the pipe into at least a first flow channel and a second flow channel; and
- a plurality of small holes formed <del>downstream of the area where the flow-channels separate</del> on the flow-channel separator,

wherein the flow-channel separator is formed has an open end on one an upstream side and a closed end and, downstream of where the flow channels separate, the flow channel separator is in contact with a flow-channel wall in the pipe on another end on a downstream side.

- 28. (Currently Amended) The pressure pulsation reduction equipment of refrigeration cycle equipment according to claim 27, comprising:
- a pressure pulsation reducer, which is installed on at least one of a discharge side and a suction side of the <u>refrigeration</u> compressor, the pressure pulsation reducer including:
- a refrigerant flow-channel separator in a refrigerant flow-channel for a refrigerant pipe which separates the refrigerant flow channel of the refrigerant pipe into at least a first refrigerant flow channel and a second refrigerant flow channel; and
- a plurality of small holes formed <del>downstream of the area where the refrigerant</del> flow channels separate in the refrigerant flow channel separator,
- wherein the refrigerant flow-channel separator is formed has an open on one ond and, downstream of where the flow channels separate, the flow-channel separator is in

contact with a refrigerant flow channel wall in the refrigerant pipe on another end on an upstream side and a closed end on a dowstream side.

- 29. (Currently Amended) Pressure pulsation reduction equipment of refrigeration cycle equipment, comprising:
  - a refrigeration cycle including a refrigeration compressor; and
- a pressure pulsation reducer, which is installed in an oil separator that is incorporated with the compressor, the pressure pulsation reducer including:
  - a passage which forms a flow channel through a wall of the oil separator;
- a flow-channel separator which separates a <u>the</u> flow channel into at least a first flow channel and a second flow channel; and
- a plurality of small holes forms the first flow channel and a <u>an open</u> nozzle forms the second flow channel, the <u>open</u> nozzle being formed downstream of the plurality of holes, wherein the <u>open nozzle of the</u> flow-channel separator is formed <del>open</del> on one end <u>of the passage on a downstream side</u> and, <del>downstream of where the flow channels separate,</del> the flow channel separator <u>passage</u> is in contact with <u>an the</u> oil separator <u>wall</u> on another end.